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WASHINGTON (AP) - The new Senate intelligence committee has unanimously recommended a six-month moratorium on CIA plans to destroy files of improper and illegal activities.

The decision was reached by the panel in a closed-door session on Wednesday and publicly disclosed Thursday by chairman Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, D-Hawaii in a letter to Senate leaders.

"It is the further recommendation of the committee that the CIA and other intelligence agencies should submit an inventory of the records to be destroyed" to the panel, Inouye said in a letter to Senate majority leader Mike Mansfield and minority leader Hugh Scott.

Mansfield and Scott earlier in the week had left it to the new panel to decide whether the CIA should be allowed to destroy its files on its past misdeeds.

The controversy was prompted when CIA Director George Bush wrote to Mansfield and Scott to tell them he planned to destroy the files now that congressional investigations into allegations of improper conduct had been completed.

These same Senate leaders had been the ones who had asked the CIA to save the files while Congress was investigating the alleged misdeeds.

The Bush statement generated sharp criticism from Rep. Bella Abzug, D-N.Y., who chairs the House government information subcommittee, and from Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., chairman of the Senate administrative practice and procedure subcommittee.

Kennedy had called it inconceivable that the CIA lacks the storage capacity to store the files, which were used by the special Senate intelligence committee which recently completed its investigation and was disbanded.

The new permanent oversight committee, in one of its first official acts, "is unanimously of the opinion that there should be a moratorium on the destruction of these records for approximately six months and that notice should be given of the moratorium ... so that those who may wish to take legal or other action may do so," Inouye said.

He also said the panel had recommended that its staff be allowed to review all CIA files recommended for destruction.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE HAS PROPOSED A SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN CIA RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS, CHAIRMAN DANIEL INOUYE, D-HAWAII, DISCLOSED TODAY.

IN A LETTER TO SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER M

KE MANSFIELD, INOUYE

SAID THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THE RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS ORDERED PRESERVED FOR THE THE CIA INVESTIGATIONS SHOULD BE KEPT INTACT FOR ANOTHER HALF YEAR.

INOUYE SAID THE COMMITTEE AGREED "THAT NOTICE SHOULD BE GIVEN OF THE MORATORIUM OF DESTRUCTION SO THAT THOSE WHO MAY WISH TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION MAY DO SO.

HE SAID THE COMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDED THE CIA AND OTHER INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES SUBMIT AN INVENTORY OF RECORDS TO BE DESTROYED AND THAT COMMITTEE STAFF REVIEW THOSE DOCUMENTS.

AT THE REQUEST OF MANSFIELD AND SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER HUGH SCOTT IN JAN. 27, 1975, THE CIA IMPOSED A MORATORIUM ON THE DESTRUCTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS THAT COULD PERTAIN TO THE SENATE'S INVESTIGATION.

EIGHT DAYS AGO, DIRECTOR GEORGE BUSH NOTIFIED MANSFIELD AND SCOTT THAT THE CIA PLANNED TO DESTROY THE DOCUMENTS.

MANSFIELD AND SCOTT THEN SOLICITED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NEWLY-FORMED INOUYE COMMITTEE.

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WASHINGTON, JUNE 10, REUTER - THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE HAS CALLED FOR A SIX MONTH MORATORIUM ON CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY PLANS TO DESTROY RECORDS USED DURING RECENT CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DANIEL INOUE SAID TODAY.

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MIKE MANFIELD SAID HE WAS WRITING TO CIA DIRECTOR GEORGE BUSH ABOUT THE MORATORIUM AND WAS SURE THE AGENCY WOULD OBSERVE IT.

MR. BUSH INFORMED SENATE LEADERS LAST WEEK THAT THE AGENCY PLANNED TO DESTROY MOST OF THE CIA RECORDS INVESTIGATED BY THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE HEADED BY FRANK CHURCH, BECAUSE THE COMMITTEE'S REPORTS HAD BEEN RELEASED.

SENATOR INOUE, A HAWAII DEMOCRAT, SAID THE NEWLY CREATED PERMANENT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY FAVORED THE MORATORIUM AND ALSO WANTED TO SEE A LIST OF RECORDS earmarked FOR THE INCINERATOR, HE SAID.

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New Panel Gets CIA File Issue

Associated Press

Senate leaders have left it to the new intelligence committee to decide whether the CIA should be allowed to destroy its files on its past misdeeds.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield and Minority Leader Hugh Scott said yesterday they would leave the question of the CIA files in the hands of the newly created committee.

CIA Director George Bush wrote to Mansfield and Scott to tell them he planned to destroy the files now that congressional investigations into allegations of improper conduct had been completed.

MANSFIELD AND Scott were the ones who had asked the CIA to save the files while Congress was investigating the alleged misdeeds.

Although the files are no longer needed for congressional investigations, many of the same documents are the subject of pending court cases involving the CIA's mail-opening program, as well as the illegal domestic spying on American citizens.

Meanwhile, the heads of two subcommittee have urged Bush not to destroy the material.

Rep. Bella Abzug D-N.Y. who chairs the House government information subcommittee wrote Bush and said, "I urge you to rethink your request and withdraw it."

REP. ABZUG told Bush, "Your request presumably would include files and records relating to assassinations of foreign leaders and other matters which may be of continuing interest to various congressional committees.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., chairman of the Senate administrative practice and procedure subcommittee, also wrote to Bush and said, "I urge you to defer any such planned destruction for the foreseeable future."

Kennedy called it inconceivable that the CIA lacks the storage capacity to keep the files.

"In light of the continuing interest of the Congress and the public in the intelligence activities of government — past as well as future — I therefore request that the proposed document destruction not be carried out until the many congressional committees with an interest in this area have been heard on the matter," Kennedy wrote.

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